

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIPS

STM Trips for 2019 are now available for sign-up. Please register before the end of January 2019 if you are interested to go on any of the trips in the first six months of the year.

Countries we will be ministering in are:

1. Malaysia - Klang
2. Mongolia – Ulaanbaatar & beyond
3. Indonesia - Pekanbaru, Batam, Bandung, Surabaya
4. Philippines - Manila
5. Vietnam - Hanoi
6. Cambodia - Phnom Penh, Siem Reap
7. Myanmar - Maubin
8. Katmandu - Nepal

**Closing date for registration is 31 January 2019**

#### Requirement & Commitment

- a) Tripper must be a member of a CG and attending CG regularly
- b) Tripper must be committed to attending STM training and team meetings.

Register for trips at <http://cefc.ch/2019STMTripsRegistration> or view the information on more trips in 2019 at <https://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/our-ministries/missions>

### COMMUNITY BLESSINGS

It is currently a good time of the year to bless seniors with mobility issues and are living alone! These seniors' existing meal delivery service takes a temporal break during the 1st and 2nd Day of Chinese New Year.

We invite Covenanters to prepare home-cooked food and delivery as our way to love the community for Christ.

Please message Vincent Chia on Whatsapp at 98428275 to sign up or enquire.

### COVENANT CHOIR

Do you have a passion for singing? Do you yearn to use your voice for the kingdom of God?

The Covenant Choir is looking for new members to join their family!

An audition will be held on 26th January. Interested Covenanters please sign up at <https://step-up.cefcapps.com> For more details, email [cv.chorale@gmail.com](mailto:cv.chorale@gmail.com).

### INVISIBLES RECRUITMENT

Are you looking for a fun and supportive community to serve the Lord together? Come and be a part of *The Invisibles!* We are looking for volunteers to serve in the area of audio, visual, video, and lights. Training will be provided.

Sign up at <https://step-up.cefcapps.com> today! Email [barnabas.ngai@cefc.org.sg](mailto:barnabas.ngai@cefc.org.sg) for more information.

### MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Register at the Information Booth.

**Date:** Sat, 26 Jan

**Time:** 9:00am to 4:00pm

**Venue:** ACKCentre

### BREAKTHROUGH WEEKENDS

Watch out for the early bird registration of Breakthrough Weekend next **Sun, 13 Jan!**

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WOODLANDS, 6 JANUARY 2019

SERVICE LEADER **REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI** // WORSHIP LEADER **CHUA SUE ERN**

## My Eye Is Upon You

REV TAN KAY KIONG & REV TONY YEO, SENIOR PASTORS

In the month of December, this verse came up to me twice:

**Psalm 32:8 (ESV)**

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;*

*I will counsel you with my eye upon you.*

The words “**instruct**”, “**teach**” and “**counsel**” are all very important words for a teacher and guide. God is the A-star Instructor, Teacher and Guide. Surely, no one can do a better job than Him. But am I an A-star learner, student and counsellor?

God must know how much I **need** His guidance, but do I know how much I **want** it? Or am I fixated on my will, my way and my wisdom?

The New Living Translation for Isaiah 55:8-9 is paraphrased this way: “My thoughts are **nothing** like your thoughts ... My ways are far **beyond anything** you could imagine.” Wow!

God, the Omnipotent and Benevolent Father of all His children says He will be our Personal Guide despite our propensity to stray from Him (Ps 32:1-7). How will He do it?

**“My Eye Is Upon You!” says the Lord.**  
How so?

**God's Instructive Eye:** Every parent or trainer understands this. What joy would it be if simply by looking at our children or trainee, they would understand what should or should not be done! Similarly, if we know what God wants and gladly do it, what joy it would bring to Him. In this age wherein we are bombarded by many temptations and we tend to treat God's commands lightly, let's follow His Instructive Eye!

**God's Watchful Eye:** More than just an instructive eye, God's eye is watchful too. Again, every parent or trainer understands this when they see their children climbing up dangerous playground structures or execute difficult moves. Their eyes become alert and watchful. It's the eye of great compassion, the desire to protect and keep them safe. God likewise seeks to celebrate our wins and He is there to pick us up when we fall.

As we enter 2019, this is God's first promise to us as Church: My instructive and watchful eye is upon you so that you can embark in authentic discipleship and intentional discipling — to Win a Soul, Change a Life and Send a Mentor. 2019 is the Year of Proclamation when we will see God using us to bless many!

**Experience God's eye upon you!**

## SERMON OUTLINE

SCRIPTURE **2 PETER 3: 8-10** // SERMON **REV TAN KAY KIONG**

### That None Should Perish

#### Introduction

#### A. We Overlook God's Immeasurable Patience (2 Peter 3:8-9)

– *“The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise ... but is **patient toward you,**”*

#### B. We Overlook God's Impending Judgment (2 Peter 3:10)

– *“But **the day of the Lord will come like a thief...**”*

#### Conclusion

**NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:**

13 JAN – REV EDMUND CHAN (BPJ, WDL & EAST)

## LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

SCRIPTURE **ACTS 28** // SERMON **REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI**

### The God Worth Living For

#### Introduction

The last chapter in the book of Acts demonstrates the incredible faithfulness of God who kept His promise in Acts 1:8. The God of the book of Acts is worth living for because He is true, faithful and sovereign! The final chapter tells us:

#### A. GOD IS WORTHY BECAUSE HE FREES YOU FROM YOUR FEARS! (vv.1-10)

1. Paul and the crew survived the storm but got shipwrecked in Malta. To add insult to injury, a snake bit him as he gathered fire wood. The islanders thought this must have been a very bad person whom justice would not spare. But God had other plans. Paul did not just survive the storm, God also protected him from any ill effects of the snake bite, leading to the islanders thinking him to be some sort of a god.
2. Being a Christian does not exempt us from “storms or snake-bites.” But if we live our lives fully for the Lord, then we are immortal until His will is fulfilled in our lives. This is very freeing because we need not fear whatever comes our way. When these matters arise, God will grant protection, guidance and resources to face them. This does not mean that we may intentionally put ourselves in harm's way. It simply means we can focus on living our lives for Him. Therefore, there are no accidents when we live fully for Jesus. We need not fear because God has not given us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-control (2 Tim 1:7.)

#### B. GOD IS WORTHY BECAUSE HIS KINGDOM WINS! (vv.11-31)

1. The final verses find the Apostle Paul reaching Rome after about three years (since his incarceration in Caesarea). This is very significant because the God who promised that Paul would do so (Acts 23:11) again fulfilled His promise (v.16). The final verse in the book tells us that “boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ” (v.31). Again, this demonstrates the fulfilment of His promise in Acts 1:8. God promises that His Kingdom wins in the end!
2. Truth be told, as Christians, we may feel that we are on the losing side because the world we live in believes that religion is for the weak. After all, real people get things done, they build the nations, get the economy going, build schools etc. Christianity or religion is marginalised and useful only when all else fail or perhaps at the start of some major project – to “appease the gods” just in case. These are false dichotomies. You can be a deeply committed disciple of Jesus in the finance industry, in the manufacturing sector, as a civil servant, politician, teacher etc. Christianity is rejected because the world does not want God – not so much that God is bad, or impractical but more because we want to live our lives **our way**. It has to do with the issue of control. God is in sovereign control and He ultimately wins as demonstrated in the book of Acts. Will we align ourselves to Him and His kingdom?

#### Conclusion

There are really very few things we have control over in our lives. One of these is choosing our allegiance and to whom we will live for. As we come to a close of 2018, God invites us to live fully for the God who is truly worthy!